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1. The establishment of a Research and Investigation Section in each branch of the Bank of China <sup>1</sup> was ordered by the Peiping office of the Bank. In China and Soviet or Soviet-controlled countries, these Sections were to exchange information on production, raw materials, factories, money markets, and labor, submitting reports to the local government.
2. Outside China and Soviet or Soviet-controlled countries, the Research and Investigation Sections were to collect and evaluate information and submit reports through the Communist Chinese Diplomatic Missions. Information was to be collected on politics, military movements, industrial activity, labor and land movements, and capitalists. Funds were to be available to the Research and Investigation Section for the purchase of statistical facts and investigators were to be sent to collect information from firms and other organizations.
3. As a result of loans made to Chinese shoe shops and tannery owners, the Research and Investigation Section of the Bank of China, Calcutta, was able to compile a list regarding the backgrounds, capital, production capacity, credit situations, members of family- with ages, address, length of stay in India etc.
4. The Research and Investigation Section is directed by a high-ranking Bank official such as the Assistant Manager; the Chief of the Research and Investigation Section and his assistants are appointed by the Bank Manager or by the Peiping office.
5. Personnel of the Research and Investigation Section, Bank of China, Calcutta:

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a. Director.

CHI Heng (紀衡) (CHIH HUNG) - Assistant Manager of the Bank;

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b. Chief.

LI Chin-ch'eng (李金城) (LEE King-chen) <sup>3</sup>

c. Assistant Chiefs.

CHENG Chia-chu (鄭家駒) (CHENG Char-chu) - 33 years old; native of Kiangsu; formerly of Bombay; works on statistical facts.

SUN P'ei-chun (孫培鈞) 28 years old; native of Chekiang; graduate of the National Communications University, Shanghai; transferred from Peiping in June 1951; strongly pro-Communist; works on commercial intelligence weekly and monthly reports.

d. Staff.

MA Shao-li (馬少立) - 31 years old; native of Canton; works on commercial affairs in India.

LI Wei-yao (李煒耀) (LEE Wei-yao) - deals with credits for overseas Chinese in India; reports on political views of Chinese in various communities, Calcutta.

MITRA (fnu) - works on credits on Indian nationals and firms.

CHAO I (趙毅) (CHAO Yee) <sup>4</sup> printer for the Research and Investigation Section.

YEN (fnu) - copy-writer for the Section.

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2. [redacted] Comment. No date is available for the establishment of the Research and Investigation Section.

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